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- (a) Admission of an individual to a center shall be based on:
- (1) The statement of a physician who, after an examination of the individual, finds that the individual needs care at a center; and
- (2) The review and approval of an application for admission of the individual by the center.
- (b) If an individual cannot be placed in a special facility in this State that can treat the condition of the individual, the individual may be admitted to a center.
 - (c) A center may not admit an individual who has:
- (1) A mental disorder of the type that requires care in a mental health facility; or
- (2) An orthopedic disease for which medical treatment is available in a special orthopedic hospital.
 - (d) (1) The centers shall be operated primarily for residents of this State.
- (2) A center may admit an individual who is not a resident of this State if:
- (i) The individual is admitted and discharged in accordance with a specific regional health program or specific demonstration or study project approved by the Department; and
- (ii) This State is reimbursed for the full cost of services to the individual.

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